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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously  
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

5. (Amended) Mutants according to claim 2, characterized in that they contain an additional  
mutation according to which F at position 383 is replaced by an alanine.

10. (Amended) Application of the mutants according to claim 1, as vaccine targets.